

Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program Initial Eligibility Appeal Form

Millennium Scholarship: Policy and Procedures

Board of Regents' Handbook
Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 18

18.1 Eligibility requirements for Nevada high school graduates.

- 18.1.1 To be eligible for a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, a student must meet all of the following requirements:
- a. graduate¹ with a diploma from a public or private high school in Nevada after May 1, 2000²;
 - b. complete high school, with at least a 3.0 weighted or unweighted grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale in the core curriculum as defined in section 18.1.2 if the student graduated prior to the graduating class of 2005;
 - c. complete high school, with at least a 3.1 weighted or unweighted grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale in the core curriculum as defined in section 18.1.2, if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or
 - d. complete high school, with at least a 3.25 weighted or unweighted grade-point average, on a 4.0 grading scale in the core curriculum as defined in section 18.1.2, if the student would have been a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later graduating class.
 - e. pass all areas of the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination; and
 - f. have been a resident of Nevada, as defined by the residency requirements in Title 4, Chapter 15, for at least two years of high school.
- 18.1.2 All high school credit bearing courses accepted toward fulfilling the high school's graduation requirements will be used in calculating the final grade point average.

18.2 Eligibility requirements for students who are not high school graduates.

- 18.2.1 To be eligible for a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, a student who is not a high school graduate must meet all of the following requirements:
- a. would have graduated from high school after May 1, 2000 had the student been enrolled in high school;
 - b. receive an enhanced ACT composite score of 21 or higher or a combined recentered SAT score of 990 or higher;
 - c. have at least a 3.0 weighted or unweighted grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale in all courses completed in a Nevada high school as defined in section 18.1.2 if the student graduated prior to the graduating class of 2005;
 - d. have at least a 3.10 weighted or unweighted grade-point average on a 4.0 grading scale in all courses completed in a Nevada high school as defined in section 18.1.2 if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or
 - e. have at least a 3.25 weighted or unweighted grade-point average on a 4.0 grading scale in all courses completed in a Nevada high school as defined in section 18.1.2 if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later graduating class;
 - f. pass all areas of the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination; and
 - g. have been a resident of Nevada, as defined by the residency requirements in Title 4, Chapter 15, for at least two years of the normal years of high school attendance.

18.3 Eligibility requirements for students whose family or legal guardian is a resident of the State of Nevada and who graduate from high school out-of-state.

- 18.3.1 To be eligible for a Millennium Scholarship, a student who is not a Nevada high school graduate, but whose family or legal guardian is a resident of the State of Nevada, must meet all of the following requirements:
- a. Graduate with a diploma from a public or private high school after May 1, 2000;
 - b. Complete high school, with at least a 3.0 weighted or unweighted grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale in the core curriculum as defined in section 18.1.2 if the student graduated prior to the graduating class of 2005;
 - c. Complete high school, with at least a 3.1 weighted or unweighted grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale in the core curriculum as defined in section 18.1.2 if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2005 or 2006; or
 - d. Complete high school, with at least a 3.25 weighted or unweighted grade point average, on a 4.0 grading scale in the core curriculum as defined in section 18.1.2 if the student was a member of the graduating class of 2007 or a later graduating class;
 - e. Pass all areas of the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination, and
 - f. Establish residency by:
 1. Providing evidence that a parent has been a resident of the State of Nevada, as defined by the residency requirements in Title 4, Chapter 15, for the last two years of the student's high school attendance and verifying financial dependence on the parent, or
 2. Providing evidence that a parent who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, on active duty, and stationed outside Nevada as a result of a permanent change of duty station pursuant to military orders, was a resident of the State of Nevada at the time of enrollment in the Armed Forces and has continued to maintain Nevada as the official state of residence.

The Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Appeals Committee cannot waive these requirements. If you feel a factual error has been made regarding your eligibility, please complete the information on pages 3 and 4 of this form and submit it with the appropriate documentation.

¹ Students who graduate with a diploma from a program for adult learners are eligible for the Millennium Scholarship if (1) received their high school diploma within four years of the regularly scheduled graduation date of their class, and (2) meet the remaining conditions of 18.1.1.

² Students who graduate with the class of 2000 are eligible for a Millennium Scholarship regardless of when they completed their course work.

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AN (System Assigned) _____

Student Name _____ **Social Security No.** _____ **Date** _____

(Please Print or Type)

Mailing Address _____ **Phone No.** _____

High School _____ **Cumulative GPA** _____ **Graduation Date** _____

1. Please check:

_____ An error was made in the calculation of my GPA and my high school is sending supporting documentation.

_____ An error was made in my Nevada High School Proficiency Exam scores and the testing agency is sending supporting documentation.

_____ An error was made in my ACT/SAT scores and the testing agency is sending supporting documentation.

_____ An error was made in the determination of my Nevada two year residency. I have completed the Declaration of Residency (page 4) and attached supporting documentation. If I am using high school transcripts to establish residency, my high school is sending official transcripts directly to the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Appeals Committee address below.

2. On the lines below, or on an attached sheet of paper, write in your own words the factual basis for your appeal and attach supporting documentation.

3. Submit this form and other appropriate documentation supporting your appeal to:

Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Appeals Committee
NSHE Administration Office
2601 Enterprise Road
Reno, Nevada 89512
FAX 775-784-1127

4. Within 30 days of receipt of this form, you will be contacted regarding the status of your appeal and further instructions.

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A hearing may be scheduled regarding your appeal, if necessary. Notice of an appeal hearing is required as described below. In order to expedite your appeal, you may wish to waive the notice requirement. If you do not wish to waive the notice requirement, it will not affect the outcome of your appeal. Please carefully read the following information:

I understand that in order to protect my privacy, an appeal will be heard by the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Appeals Committee in a closed session. I further understand that in accordance with NRS 241.033, I am entitled to receive notice of the date and time of the hearing by certified mail 21 working days before the meeting or by personal delivery to me 5 working days before the meeting. By signing below, I hereby waive this notice requirement and request that the appeal be heard by the Committee as soon as possible. I understand that I will be notified of the date and time the appeal will be heard.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Complete this section if a factual error has been made in the determination of your residency status and attach documentation that presents evidence of Nevada residency. Examples of factors which may be considered when reviewing an appeal for Nevada residency are provided below the Declaration of Residency section. **If you are a graduate of an out-of-state high school and are claiming Nevada residency through a parent, you must also attach copies of your parent's tax returns with you listed as a dependent for two years immediately prior to this appeal, in addition to any other documents supporting your parent's Nevada residency.**

Declaration of Residency

I hereby declare that I or my parents have abandoned any domicile or residence in any state or commonwealth of the United States other than the State of Nevada and I further certify that I or my parents have established a bona fide domicile or residence in the State of Nevada with the intent of making Nevada our true, fixed and permanent home and place of habitation, having clearly abandoned our former domicile or residence and having no intent to make any other location outside the State of Nevada my home and habitation.

I further certify that my parents or I have been domiciled or a resident in the State of Nevada for at least two years during high school or during the normal years of high school attendance and that, therefore, we have been physically present and residing in Nevada for that entire period of time, excluding temporary, short-term absences for business or pleasure.

Signing a Declaration of Residency is not conclusive proof of residency and is only a factor to be considered under the Regulations for Determining Residency and Tuition Charges, as set forth in Title 4, Chapter 15 of the Board of Regents Policy Statements.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Notice

Filing a false Declaration of Residency will result in the re-payment of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, loss of eligibility for the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, payment of non-resident tuition for the period of time the student was enrolled as a resident student and may also lead to disciplinary sanctions under Chapter Six of the University and Community College System of Nevada Code. Disciplinary sanctions include a warning, reprimand, probation, suspension or expulsion.

The following are factors which may be considered for Nevada residency for purposes of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship:

- a. Continuous presence in Nevada for two years.
- b. Employment in Nevada for two years immediately prior to the date of this appeal, including the last year of high school.
- c. Conducting a business in Nevada.
- d. Admission to a licensed practicing profession in Nevada.
- e. Registration or payment of taxes or fees on motor vehicle, mobile home, travel trailer, boat or any other item of personal property owned or used by the person, for which state registration or payment of state tax or fee is required for two years immediately prior to the date of this appeal.
- f. Ownership, alone or with a spouse, of a home in Nevada.
- g. Address listed on a true and correct copy of a federal income tax return for the two calendar years immediately prior to the date of this appeal.
- h. Address listed on selective service registration.
- i. Active member in professional, business, civic, social or other organizations located in Nevada.
- j. Maintaining active savings and checking accounts in Nevada financial institutions for at least two years immediately prior to this appeal.

If you have questions about eligibility for a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship, please contact the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship office in Las Vegas, 702- 486-3383 or toll free in State, 1-888-477-2667. If you have specific questions about your appeal, please contact the UCCSN Administration office Reno, 775-784-4901.